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HARRY ATKINS

HARRY AND MRS. ATKINS exchange greetings with Bill Baker (left) at the Oregon Christian Assembly in Corvallis last February.

Rural Minister of the Year

Harry Atkins Wins National Honor

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Harry V. Atkins of Dufur, Ore., has been named national "Rural Minister of the Year" among the Christian Churches, the Home and State Missions Planning Council announced here.

He will receive a citation next fall during the annual assembly of the International Convention of Christian Churches in Kansas City, Mo.

Minister of Dufur Christian Church for the past 12 years, Mr. Atkins was nominated for national recognition by the Oregon Christian Missionary Society. He has served town and country congregations for 22 years.

Oregon Christian Churches' "Rural Minister of the Year" in 1960, he was cited for his "outstanding and worthwhile contribution toward the betterment of rural life."

Although his parish covers both sprawling ranch lands and backwoods mountain farms, Atkins is a frequent visitor in his parishioners' homes. He continually stresses the importance of "person-to-person" evangelism.

He is active in community and interdenominational affairs as well as in the work of his own church.

Graduated from Manhattan Bible College in Manhattan, Kan., in 1938 with a B.A. degree, Atkins has done graduate work at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. He also has participated in numerous town and country church institutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins have three children — Philip, a student minister; Harriett, a Christian-education student in Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Ore.; and David, a music major at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

In nominating the pastor, Earl Hastings, chairman of the Town and Country Church Committee of the Oregon Christian Missionary, said:

"The happiness, influence and effectiveness of his present pastorate have had a very powerful influence both in his own community and elsewhere. We are confident that there could be few more satisfactory demonstrations of the deep lasting pleasures and satisfactions of rural work than this."

Lonnie H. Hass of Indianapolis, national director of church planning and development in town and country for the United Christian Missionary Society, will present Atkins to the Kansas City convention assembly.

Announcement of Atkins' selection came as the Christian Churches prepared to observe Rural Life Sunday, May 7.

The EDITOR Speaks

Congratulations, Harry!

Congratulations to Harry Atkins for the honor he has earned: Rural Minister of the Year for the Christian Churches of the United States!

In the Sunday **Oregonian** of April 16 were two pictures and well over a column of print telling about Harry and his family. Congratulations for this honor also, Harry!

Because preliminary announcement of the national honor came at the Oregon Christian Assembly in February and later in the **Oregon Christian,** the **Oregonian** article was not a surprise to many of our brotherhood. But it is a thrill to see the facts in print, even to those who already knew that the story was coming.

In the coming weeks millions in the nation will be learning of the honor, as **The Christian** and other national magazines print the official news release.

We are all proud and happy for you and your family, Harry! The Lord has indeed blessed your work.

News and Picture DEADLINE May 15

Should Protestants Maintain Silence At This Time?

While Congress is debating the issue of federal aid to education, every Protestant should inform his legislator how he feels on the issue of separation of church and state.

It is common knowledge that the Roman Catholic hierarchy opposes any federal aid to education that does not include parochial schools. It is not so commonly known that the Roman Catholics are deluging Congress with mail to support the hierarchy's views. Apparently their letters to many Congressmen are outnumbering the letters of Protestants.

Are the Roman Catholics better at writing letters than Protestants? more eloquent? more determined? The issue seems clear. If Protestant Christians don't want to lose by default to the Roman Catholics, the time has come for them to write to their representatives and senators.

Write at once to Senator Wayne L. Morse and Senator Maurine Neuberger at the Senate, Washington, D. C. Write to Representatives Edith L. Green, Al Ullman, Walter Norblad, and Edwin Durno at the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Brotherhood Leaders Speak Out On Church-State Issue

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The issue of government loans for private and parochial schools should not be tied to general legislation on federal aid to education, the Board of Trustees of the United Christian Missionary Society asserted here recently.

In a 457-word statement, the board reaffirmed its support of the "historic position" of the Christian Churches "in opposition to the use of tax funds to support private or parochial schools."

The statement supports President Kennedy's declaration that "grants" to private and parochial schools would violate the Constitution and his opinion that loans to these schools probably would be unconstitutional.

"We believe that 'grants' and 'across the board' loans would endanger the public-school system and result in a religious and cultural fragmentation of life which is altogether contrary to the American experience," trustees of the Christian Churches' largest agency declared.

The statement will be submitted to the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee and the House Education and Labor Committee.

Aid to public school education should be considered "on its own merits," not in a package that includes "across the board" loans, the message to legislators contends.

Constitutional questions and the public policy involved in possible loans to private and parochial schools "are too important to be decided by an amendment to a general education bill designed to win votes and insure passage," it says.

The UCMS trustees pointed out that five annual assemblies of the International Convention of Christian Churches since 1947 have said federal aid to education should be specifically limited to public schools.

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SUMMER CAMPS AT TURNER

The North Willamette District Christian Men are again sponsoring the Christian Boys' Camp at Turner, July 9-15, and the Christian Girls' Camp, July 16-22. Ed Dewees of Turner s iserving as camp committee chairman. Dick is serving as camp committee chairman. Dick Freeman of Mill City is vice-chairman. Additional information may be obtained by addressing inquiries to Turner Christian Camp, P. O. Box 13, Turner, Oregon.

This will be the 27th year of the Turner Boys' Camp and the 13th year of the Turner Girls' Camp.

Three Reasons for the Children's Day Offering

These three children are trying to read their first copies of one of the Christian Gospels. They are three of the thousands of persons who hear about Jesus Christ for the first time from missionaries and national leaders of Christian Churches overseas. They happen to be Chinese children. Christian missions serve thousands of their people who now live outside of China.

They might be African children, or Indian, Thai, or Latin American children. They could be three of the 25,000 boys and girls who attend Sunday schools of the Christian Churches overseas, or three of the 23,000 pupils enrolled in schools sponsored by the Christian Churches.

These youngsters could be three of the thousands who are served by Disciples of Christ throughout united churches and union missions in Nepal, Okinawa, the Philippines, Japan, and Haiti. They are just three of the thousands of reasons for the Children's Day Offering. This special offering helps to make Christ known to people around the world.

The Children's Day Offering helps to support all causes participating in Unified Promotion, the unified outreach of Christian Churches. Materials for the Children's Day observance may be ordered from Unified Promotion, Box 19036, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.

MRS. ARTHUR LANDOLT

Friday at Quadrennial

Four major emphases — vocation, stewardship, outreach and commitment — are scheduled for the Second Quadrennial Assembly of the International Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) July 19 to 23. Of these, stewardship will be considered on Friday, July 21, as part of the general theme, "Choose Ye This Day."

On Friday morning a symposium will be held under the leadership of Mrs. Arthur Landolt of Moberly, Mo., vice president of the International CWF. Serving as panelists with Mrs. Landolt will be three successful authors of books for church women: Miss Helen K. Wallace of New York; Mrs. Wilfred (Eleanor) Bockelman of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Frank (Mary Lou) Lacy of Martinsville, Va.

As approximately 4,500 women assemble on the Purdue campus, West Lafayette, Indiana, the emphasis on stewardship will be the second to be brought to their attention. It will be related to morning, afternoon and evening programs on Friday.

Registrations for the assembly are being received daily at the CWF Department, 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana. Registration fee of $45 includes board and room for four days, program materials, sickness and accident insurance, transportation on the campus and a variety of service incidentals. The projected total of 4,500 registrations is expected to be reached and surpassed.

GROUND-BREAKING . . .

Ceremony Launches Lynchwood Building

Ground-breaking services for the new building of the Lynchwood Christian Church in Portland were held on Sunday afternoon, April 23.

The first half of the service was conducted in the Lynchwood School. Ray Helseth, pastor of the Lynchwood congregation, offered greetings and introduced the visitors. Kenneth Johnston, pastor of the Kern Park Christian Church, extended an official welcome in behalf of the Portland churches to the new church.

In behalf of the Decade Club of New Church Builders, Sherman Moore spoke, and in behalf of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society, which is sponsoring the church, Henry Searle spoke.

The main message of the occasion was brought by Harold Glen Brown, who is president of the Oregon Council of Churches and chairman of the New Church Committee of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society. Other ministers participating in the service were Clifford Trout of Portland's Mallory Avenue Church and Everett Cecil of the Cedar Hills Christian Church.

Special music was provided by the First Christian Church choir, directed by Mr. Laurie Pratt, and by Mariam Helseth, singing The Lord's Prayer.

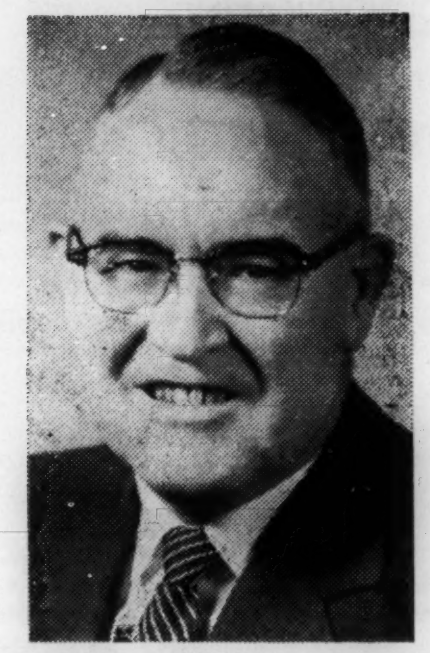
The actual ground-breaking took place following a processional from the school building to the site of the new church. Claude Baskett spoke in behalf of the preliminary-planning committee. Participants in the act of ground-breaking were Mrs. Anna Fabrique, Raymond Helseth, Claude Baskett, Sherman Moore, Henry Searle, and ministers of the Christian churches.

Arthur Holden, contractor, and Decade Club members erected a symbol consisting of three huge wooden crosses in front of a signboard containing the church name.

John Piper of the Southgate Christian Church offered the prayer of dedication, and Henry Hotvedt of the Englewood Christian Church pronounced the benediction.

JAMES OSBORNE

Rev. S. James Osborne died in McMinnville, March 17. His passing followed by approximately a month an honor which marked his retirement, the presentation of an Honored Minister's Pin. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fleta B. Osborne, P. O. Box 1, McMinnville.



DR. WARD A. RICE, professor at Northwest Christian College, was guest leader for a recent preaching mission at the First Christian Church, Medford.

Successful Meeting Held in Medford

Dr. Ward A. Rice, professor at Northwest Christian College, was the guest speaker for a preaching mission at the Medford First Christian Church during the week of March 29. Orris L. Doty, minister of the First Christian Church in Coquille, was the song leader. The purpose of the mission was to strengthen the spiritual life of the church.

Each night had a special emphasis — Roll Call Night, Family Night, Hobby Night, Fill the Pew Night, and Bible School Night. On Family Night a large cake, made by Dr. Rice, Mr. Doty, and Fredrick Ross Evans, minister of the Medford Church, was presented to the largest family present.

A different choir gave a special number each night. One night the fine choir from the Grants Pass First Christian Church provided the special number.

One of the highlights of the program was the song each night sung by Mr. Doty and illustrated with beautiful slides.

The mission was very successful; the attendance was the best in many years for such a program. As a result, many old friends of the church had their interest revived, many people were attracted to the work of the church for the first time, and the members were stimulated to do greater things for Christ. It is felt that preaching missions are vital to the strength of the church.

Helen E. Allen, Reporter

Northwest Christian College

by Dr. Ross J. Griffeth

The 1961 Commencement season begins on June 2 with the Senior Class Chapel in the afternoon. The Kellems Orations will be delivered at an evening assembly on June 2.

The Christian Drama Troupe, under the direction of Ron Coulter, will give the premiere performance of "The Comedian" on Saturday evening, June 3. This is a drama presenting the challenge of Christianity in the early fourth century.

The Baccalaureate service will be held Sunday evening, June 4, in the First Christian Church of Eugene.

The large N.C.C. Chorus, under the direction of Prof. Maud Skaggs Woodyard, will present a Sacred Music Concert on June 5.

Commencement day is June 6. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will begin at 9 A.M. The Alumni Association will hold its annual business meeting in the afternoon of June 6. The annual banquet will follow. Then the Commencement service will be held at 8:00 P.M.

The academic year is to close on June 10.

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The annual Honor Day, when special achievements in academic matters are recognized, will be held during the chapel service on May 18. A considerable number of scholarships will be awarded that day.

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The annual Campus Day, when students, faculty, and staff work on the campus during the morning and crown the day with a picnic in the afternoon, will be observed June 17.

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Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. McGavran, The Institute of Church Growth, which is an integral part of the N.C.C. program, is making worldwide contacts and receiving many favorable comments. The University of Oregon is working in close harmony with Northwest Christian College and arrangements are made whereby select students may complete their Ph. D. degrees at the University while working on matters of special significance to church growth. An especially significant development is taking place in one study project in the Fiji Islands.

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Many high school seniors have completed their applications for admission to Northwest Christian College. There is every evidence that all of the facilities of N.C.C. will be in use next year.

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The ONE THOUSAND MILE ADVANCE in Quality Christian Education continues to move forward. If contributions continue to come in during the next ten months as they have been coming, it will be possible to begin the construction work on the next unit of Burke Hall. If you have not yet shared in this project, now is the time to make a significant contribution to the Building Fund of the College.

Calendar of Coming Events

MAY

1- 2	Eastern Oregon Convention, Milton-Freewater
8-12	Camie Bloom, president of International CYF, will be in Oregon for a series of area CYF rallies
17-27	C.W.F. Spring Workshops over the state
22-26	Northwest Directors Workshop, Menucha (interdenominational)

JUNE

11-17	Zone 2 CYF Conference, White Branch
18-24	Zone 2 Chi Rho Camp, White Branch
18-24	Zone 1 CYF Conference, Camp Adams
18-24	Zone 3 CYF Conference, Little River
27-July 2	Oregon Christian Convention, Turner

JULY

5- 7	State CYF Planning Retreat, Nelscott
9-15	State Laboratory School, Salem
9-15	Zone 3 Chi Rho Camp, Little River
9-15	Zone 4 CYF Conference, Cove
2- 8	Junior Camp, Little River
16-22	Pilot Junior Camp, District 3, Mountaindale
16-22	Zone 4 Chi Rho Camp, Cove
19-23	C.W.F. Quadrennial, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana
23-29	Zone 1 Chi Rho Camp, Arrah Wanna
23-29	Boys Camp, Cove
30-Aug. 5	Girls Camp, Cove

(July 6 to 24 Mr. Searle will be attending a Conference on Administration of Agencies at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis).

WILLAMINA REPORTS

The Christian Church at Willamina reports 17 additions by baptism and 2 by transfer as a result of two weeks of meetings led by Al Rice of Dayton. Attendance averaged 66 the first week and 80 the second week. The Dayton Christian Church choir sang two nights. Ray C. Smith, minister.

Giving Goals for 1961-62 Considered by —

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

By Idella Osburn

This past month your State Unified Promotion Committee traveled about Oregon presenting the church at work cooperatively at home and throughout the world. This is the first time all askings — operational budget, outreach causes and capital funds — have been presented in a unified way. The team was comprised of, Henry Searle, state secretary; Mrs. Warren J. Hastings, Unified Promotion; Wayne Green, chairman of Unified Promotion committee; Dr. Ross Griffeth, N.C.C.; Oscar Cooper, NBA; and Idella Osburn, C.W.F. Christian education, including campsite, Evangelism, including new churches, and the operational budget for Oregon, were included in the total. Christian Women's Fellowship is happy to be a part of this cooperative venture.

The Christian Church in the Decade — the Christian Church in any age — is responsible for witnessing, by word and deed, to the great commission and to the concepts of Christ when he said, "Love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself. This is the first and great commandment." Therefore it behooves us to gird ourselves about with a concentrated effort and use our resources to the best advantage for Him.

Suggestions

By now most of the CWF's have had time to consider their suggested goal for 1961-62. May we suggest you do this **in light of** per capita giving (less than 3 per cent for **all** stewardship giving), the Decade goal of one dollar out of two for others by 1970, and potential. We must prayerfully and wisely accept the challenge given us. There will be a triple postcard come to your president or treasurer from National Department of Christian Women's Fellowship soon, if you do not have it already. Fill in and return to addressees before June 15. Your state board needs these goals for its meeting, June 21, 22, 23.

Figures For Four Months

Mrs. Ralph Cook, guest columnist for April, reminded you that we were behind in our giving for this year. These are the figures. Our goal for 1960-61 is $47,500. For the first 8 months, February 28, our giving was 23,052.20, leaving a balance of 24,448 to be reached in the next four-months period. We are certain this can and will be done. Remember the state goal is arrived at by adding the sum total of local CWF goals.

Recruits

We copied these figures from a sermon Dale Stitt preached on Palm Sunday, at Albany, Oregon. May we share them with you?

A study of the statistics from all major denominations for the past twenty years reveals that nearly forty per cent of our evangelistic recruits are lost to the church within seven years.

20 per cent never pray
25 per cent never read their Bible
30 per cent never attend church
40 per cent never give to any cause
50 per cent never go to Sunday School
60 per cent never attend Sunday evening services
70 per cent never give to missions
80 per cent never go to prayer meeting
90 per cent never have family worship
95 per cent never win a soul for Christ.

Call

Last minute call — bring your Blessing Box offerings to the Workshops to be dedicated and sent to national department by June 1, 1961. These offerings are to be tabulated and presented during the Quadrennial Assembly, July 19-23, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

ST. HELENS CHURCH HOLDS RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Lauralee Middleton reports from St. Helens that the membership department of the St. Helens First Christian Church sponsored a reception, April 9, for the new members of the past year. The main speaker was Sherman Moore, director of New Church Development for the Oregon Christian Missionary Society.

Cloyce Tupper, a deacon, dedicated to the new members two poems. One is below.

WELCOME

We are here to welcome each of you
That have joined us through the year,
And hope that with our friendship,
Many joys you will endear.

There will always be some sorrows
As every Christian knows,
But we hope that they are lessened
As our church acquaintance grows.

We hope that you will find here,
A worship you'll enjoy
And from us older members,
Our help you will employ.

All we ask in return from you,
Is service to our Lord.
A debt we owe to Jesus.
That any Christian can afford.

There need be no formalities,
Just a simple Christian love,
As we assemble here together,
To praise our God above.

May the good Lord bless you folks,
For this fellowship with God,
And we hope that you'll find happiness,
On every path you trod.

WEEK OF PREACHING

Heppner had a very fine week of preaching with Henry Searle, March 26 through April 2. The church is very grateful to Brother Henry for his wonderful help.

For the first time in history of the church we had two services on Easter. Total attendance for the two services was 236. We now have a paid nursery attendant for both Bible school and morning worship services.

The pastor and his wife are concluding a 13-week study with 4 young married couples in the rural area south of Heppner, "Understanding the Bible." Plans are being made for a similar study in town.

Charles V. Knox, minister

CAMPAIGN AT TILLAMOOK

The First Christian Church at Tillamook reports that early goals for additions to the fellowship of Christ were exceeded by Easter Sunday evening. These came as a climax to a prayer campaign which began in January and continued through Easter. Over 160 people prayed that at least 66 people would come by April 2.

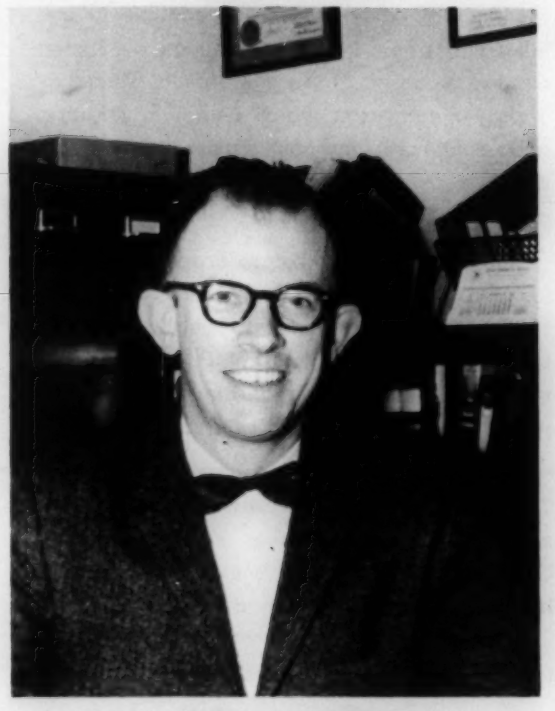
Ten came forward before Easter; 31 came forward at the early Easter service, 35 at the 11:00 A.M. service, and 16 at the evening service, to make a total of 92. Ten others made their confessions during the week of preaching that followed Easter Sunday.

In March, Truman Robbins, minister at Tillamook, assisted in a stewardship training session at the Hood River Valley Christian Church and held a week's evangelistic meeting at the Newport Christian Church.

CHI RHO girls at Mallory Avenue engaged in one of their activities.

Know Your Candidates fo

1. **JAMES EDWARDS**



2. **ROBERT MULKEY**

3. **MRS. BRYAN BENEDICT**

1. James Edwards, First Christian Church, Hood River

   Minister of Hood River First for 1½ years.
   Served on OCMS Membership Commission and Conferences on Churchanship team.
   Director of CYF Conference.
   State C hi Rho Committee chairman.

2. Robert Mulkey, First Christian Church, Bend.

   Minister at Bend for 3½ years.
   President of Oregon Christian Convention 1959.
   Has served on OCMS Evangelism, Stewardship and Membership Commissions, and Oregon Unified Promotion Committee.
   Member of Board of Trustees, Northfest Christian College.

3. Mrs. Bryan (Geraldine) Benedict, Christian Church, Dufur.

   Deaconess, in charge of flowers for church services.
   Chairman of Missionary Committee in local church.
   Served on Women's World Day of Prayer committee, Week of Compassion committee.

4. Mrs. Howard (Rachel) Reeder, First Christian Church, Pendleton.

   Serves as Zone 4 C.Y.F. counselor; on State Committee on C.Y.F. Work.
   Taught in various classes of Bible School for 22 years.
   Secretary of pulpit committee; active in women's work.

5. Glyn B. Adsit, First Christian Church, Corvallis.

   Minister at Corvallis Church for 4 years.
   Served on OCMS Ministry, World Outreach, and Evangelism Commissions.
   Chairman of Campsite Commission of OCMS.
   On local Christian House Committee; pastoral adviser to district C.M.F.

4. **MRS. HOWARD REEDER**

6. Mrs. Raymond (Betty) Biggers, Allison Park Christian Church, Eugene.

   Minister's wife and active in local church.
   Now a member of OCMS Worship Commission.
   Taught in area demonstration schools and leadership institutes, Chi Rho Camp.
   Gives leadership in Cub Scouts, local P.T.A.

7. Mrs. Vernon (Lois) DeLong, First Christian Church, LaGrande.

   Active in C.W.F. on local district and state level; 6 years on state C.W.F. Board.
   With husband has worked with C.Y.F. youth for 15 years.
   Been chairman of Education and World Outreach Committees in local church.
   Treasurer of the Eastern Oregon Convention.

8. Mrs. Glen (MerryLin) Strickland, First Christian Church, Nyssa.

   Active worker in Nyssa Church.
   Deaconess, Church-school teacher and functional committee member.
   Has served in Vacation Church School and summer church camps.

9. Orris L. Doty, First Christian Church, Coquille.

   Minister at Coquille Church for 3½ years.
   Serving on OCMS Membership Commission; Zone 3 C.Y.F. counselor.
   Vice-president of Oregon Christian Convention for 1961.

10. John E. Martin, First Christian Church, Grants Pass.

    Minister at Grants Pass since October, 1960.
    Previous pastorates in Texas and assoc. minister at Vancouver, Washington.
    On OCMS Committee on Adult Work; will direct Young Adult Conference this summer.

5. **GLYN B. ADSIT**

for State Board Positions

11. Mrs. Ivan (Gladys) Jensen, First Christian Church, Astoria.

Active in the Astoria Church since 1946—deaconess, teacher, church clerk.

Two years local C.W.F. president; four years on state C.W.F. Board as treasurer.

Serving on Membership Committee in local church.

12. Mrs. V. D. (Affie) McCauley, First Christian Church, Hillsboro.

Past district secretary of C.W.F.

Chairman of Missionary Committee in local church.

Active in local and county Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Served one year on OCMS Worship Commission.

13. Frank Goodwin, First Christian Church, Burns.

Minister of Burns Church for 3½ years.

3 years on OCMS Social Action Commission; editor of Social Action Newsletter.

Provides leadership in state youth work through summer conference and World Fellowship Youth Meets.

14. Charles V. Knox, First Christian Church, Heppner.

Minister at Heppner for 5 years.

Directed Chi Rho Camp at Cove; active in district youth work.

Served 2 years as president of Eastern Oregon Convention.

Member of Campsite Committee and Rural Church Committee for OCMS.

6. **MRS. RAYMOND BIGGERS**

10. **JOHN E. MARTIN**

8. **MRS. GLEN STRICKLAND**

7. **MRS. VERNON DELONG**

Note: The following are the nominees whose pictures did not arrive in time for publication: Mrs. Ivan Jensen, Mrs. V. D. McCauley, Frank Goodwin, and Charles V. Knox.

9. **ORRIS L. DOTY**

Spiritual Life Conferences Planned

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Questions that haunt every Christian but seldom are explored to their depths will be dealt with at three Spiritual Life Conferences of the Christian Churches during June and July.

The conferees — adult members of Christian Churches throughout the nation — will discuss these topics:

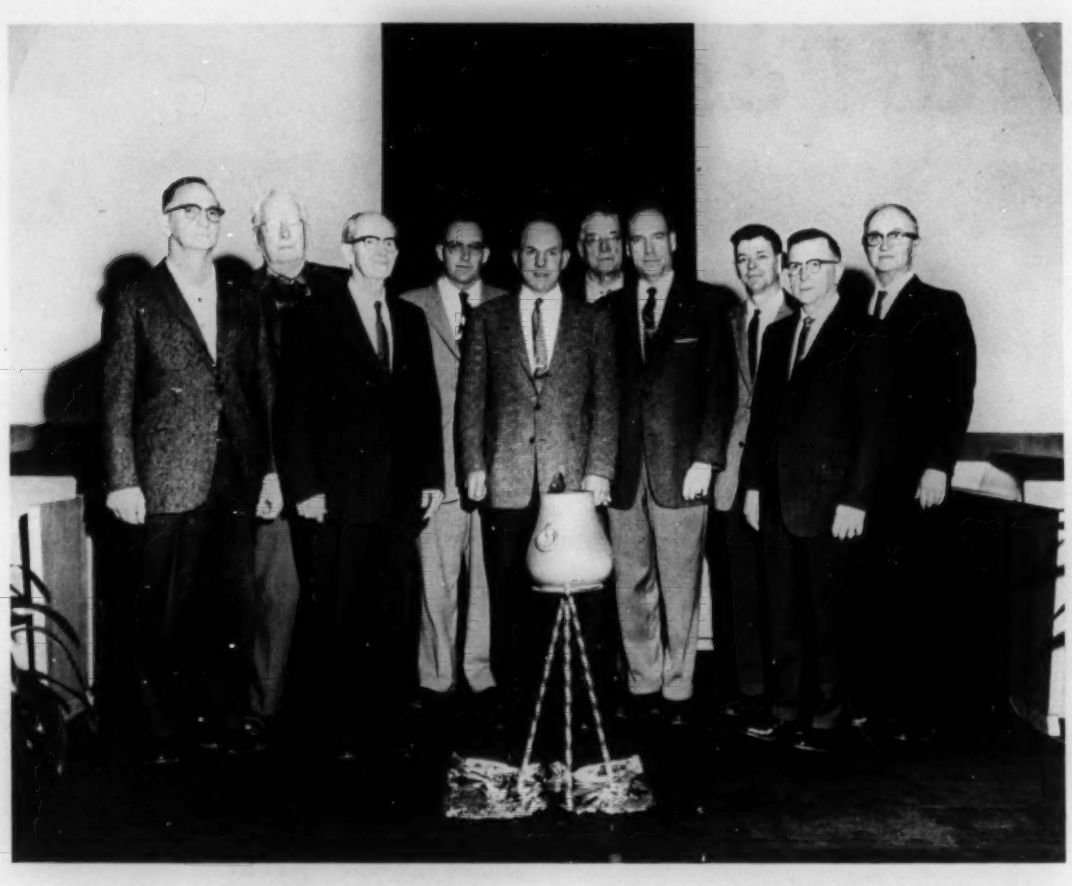
"Who am I?," "Who is my neighbor?," "Who is Jesus?" and "What does the Lord require of me?"

"Using the Bible as the primary resource, Disciples will participate in group discussion, prayer and Bible study and in private meditations," explained Mr. Karl H. Croel, conference director. Mr. Croel is executive director of local church life, Department of Church Development, United Christian Missionary Society.

Local church leaders attending the conferences have the opportunity to gain new insight about the mission of the church and their role in it, he added.

Conferences will be held at Phillips University, Enid, Okla., June 6-9; Christmount Assembly Grounds, Black Mountain, N. C., July 4-7; and at Diamond R. Ranch, Chugwater, Wyo., July 25-28. A regional conference has been projected for August in Oregon.

Registration fee is $17.50, including meals and lodging. Persons may register for any one of the conferences by sending their name, address, and $5.00 pre-registration to Mr. Croel, 222 South Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Ind. Registration plans for the Oregon meeting will be announced later.



MEMBERS OF BUILDING COMMITTEE present at mortgage burning, Kern Park Christian Church: (left to right) Paul Ritzer, C. L. Douglass, J. W. Mulkey, Arthur Holden (building contractor), Henry Moar, L. H. Fishburn, Dr. C. R. Beatty, chairman, Bob Elle, Lloyd Arnett, and Rev. C. H. Addleman, former minister.

KERN PARK CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

The Kern Park Christian Church, Portland, Oregon, successfully completed a ten-year capital program with the burning of church and parsonage mortgages, at a special service March 28.

Principal indebtedness, interest, and capital improvements have exceeded $140,000 since the breaking of ground for the present building in 1951. All property funds have been a part of the unified budget of the church, which has grown by approximately 400% in the past decade.

Plans are under way for an expanded building program. Simultaneous with the accelerated local program is a graduated plan to match all local expense with world outreach giving on a fifty-fifty basis by 1970.

Those who participated in the mortgage-burning service were Dr. Dale Fiers, president of The United Christian Missionary Society; Rev. C. H. Addleman, former minister of Kern Park; Dr. C. R. Beatty, chairman of building program; Mr. Jay Mulkey; Mrs. Lynnette Rhay, minister of Education; Ralph Putnam, minister of visitation; and Kenneth Johnston, minister.

CHILDREN'S DAY OFFERING

For more than eighty years the Christian Churches have observed Children's Day by presenting the story of world missions and receiving an offering for the support of the cooperative work of our brotherhood. Children's Day this year falls on Sunday, June 4. This will be the last missionary offering of the church year — therefore it should be a generous one.

Educational and promotional materials are available free from Unified Promotion to churches which will use them. Samples and an order card have been received by each church. Check now and make sure your church is planning a worthy observance of Children's Day.

YOUR WILL DOES IT

Yes, your will can work for you long after you are gone. Christ and His work await your gift.

If your gift is for any of the organizations named below,

The Oregon Christian Missionary Society
The Northwestern Christian Home
The Northwest Christian College
Unified Promotion

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WITH THE STATE SECRETARY

Henry L. Searle

No two months are the same in the work of the state secretary. As I go up and down the state and across it, I always find good dedicated Christian folks. I also find the need for greater loyalty and consecration in the work of the Christ.

This past month I preached at the Northwestern Christian Home at Beaverton, First Christian Church, Gresham, and an 8-day preaching mission at the First Christian Church in Heppner. I have visited the church services at First Church, Lebanon, and First Church, Albany. It was my privilege to share in the dedication services at the beautiful new First Christian Church in Albany and the very lovely Jasper Christian Church.

A very important week was spent with a Unified Promotion team as we toured the state. Those who missed one of these Unified Promotion presentations at Portland, Grants Pass, Eugene, Salem, Hood River, Milton-Freewater, or Bend, really missed something! Mrs. J. Warren Hastings thrilled us all. For the first time in Oregon we really had a united approach, with the State Society, Northwest Christian College, and Northwestern Christian Home sharing in the presentation. At each area meeting there was a splendid response.

I would like to share with you a very deep concern of mine. In the first nine months of our missionary year we find our state is 20% short in its missionary giving. This means that in the State Society we are 20% short of meeting our budget obligations. In fact, for the month of March we were able to pay salaries only because one church rose to the emergency and sent its missionary money in a month in advance. Unless the giving of churches to Unified Promotion greatly increases, by the time you have read this, your state staff will not have received full salaries in April.

The conclusion to the whole matter is obvious. If our churches do not send in their missionary money, the Lord's work suffers. The answer of the churches will determine the future of our state work in Oregon. What is your answer?

We have the resources for carrying on the Lord's work. Therefore, let us be good stewards of the treasures which God has entrusted to our care.

Yours in Christian service,
Henry L. Searle

NEWS OF CHRISTIAN STUDENT CENTERS

CORVALLIS STUDENTS, with guest speaker, Ulrich Mauser, at DSF regional conference at Menucha.

DON DAVID, newly elected president of the students at Eugene Christian House, is a speech major at Oregon.

RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS for Chi Rho Camp are Ansel Hyland, business manager, left, and Jay Coster, lifeguard. Tim Adsit, Judy Shoemaker, and other Chi Rho youth are waiting their turn to register.

Richard Flood, Campus Minister at Corvallis

What is the role of the Christian Student Centers in the development of students? Is not part of the role the lay training of the students so that they may assume their responsible positions in the Christian community? This is one of the aims of our present program and it is being emphasized more and more in our study groups and discussions.

Why do we think it is so necessary?

It was recently stated by an individual that "it is almost impossible to tell Christian students from all of the rest of the students on campus. They very seldom speak out or stand up for what they believe, and when they do, their thinking is extremely shallow."

Someone else recently said that students may have a college education in many areas of study, but their religious and theological training is still on a sixth-grade level. We also find that it is extremely difficult sometimes to see students assuming their roles as Christians in the areas of evangelism, witness, study, etc. It is much easier to beg off because of the pressure of studies. I believe that part of our trouble is the loss of the meaning and importance of the Christian laity.

An article in **The Student World** (No. 3, 1956) has this to say about the laity. "We must understand anew the implications of the fact that we are all baptized, that, as Christ came to minister, so must all Christians become ministers of His saving purpose according to the particular gift of the Spirit which each has received, as messengers of the hope revealed in Christ."

Dulcina Elliott, Campus Minister at Eugene

Three Eugene students were elected to office at the recent Regional Conference of the Disciples Student Fellowship at Menucha. Orin Bruton of Eugene will serve as president for 1961-62; Wayne Long of Bellflower, California, will serve as vice-president; and Charla Royston of Eugene was chosen to receive the DSF Work Camp Scholarship which she will use at a camp sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee in Mexico.

New officers were installed at the 12th birthday anniversary service at the Eugene Christian House, Sunday, April 16. They are president, Don David (Eugene), sophomore in speech at U. of O.; vice-presidents: Wayne Long, junior at both NCC and the University in education, and Larry Veatch, freshman at the University from Redmond; secretaries: Karna Gasaway, pre-nursing student at both schools from Hermiston, and Charla Royston, physical education junior at U. of O.; treasurer: Karon Gregg, senior at NCC and junior at U. of O. from Bend; executive adviser: Orris Bruton, junior in pre-medicine at U. of O.

The spring term foreign student scholarship again went to Chi Dak Ngai of Hong Kong, freshman at the University in pre-medicine.

Lowell Kimble, recent student treasurer at Christian House, was elected treasurer of the University Religious Council for next year, and Dulcina Elliott is new president of the Religious Directors' Association for the University.

Pre-registration for Zone 2 Chi Rho Camp Sets Record

The Chi Rho of Zone 2 held their Camp Preview in Lebanon, April 9, at 5:00 P.M. Some 115 Chi Rho, parents, and sponsors were present.

The Corvallis Chi Rho led group games. The ladies of the First Christian Church in Lebanon served supper, following which the entire assembly sang camp songs. A panel of young people from the Allison Park Christian Church shared various aspects of camp. They included Sally Maxon, Jean Harrington, and Bob Gates. They were assisted by Betty Biggers, Chi Rho leader from Allison Park, Cindy Stitt of Lebanon, and Peggy Smith of Corvallis.

Camp pictures were shown, and then Don Rogers, the Angelus speaker for the 1961 Chi Rho camp, delivered a challenging message. Paul Barnhart, Linda Smith, Marcia Rickard, Marilyn Cross and Ron Eldridge, all of Eugene, led the closing worship service.

Mrs. Ansel Hyland, director of the 1961 Chi Rho camp for Zone 2, states that there was a "wonderful response in pre-camp registrations — some 70 were pre-registered." Corvallis, for the third straight year, won the prize for bringing the largest number to the rally, but their record, 14, was closely approached by three churches (Allison Park, Springfield, and Eugene First Christian) with 12 each.

Mrs. Hyland states, "As our camp is limited to 80, we are hoping that any others will get their registration in at once to Mrs. Bob Gates, Halsey, Oregon.

MISS LOMA MAE JONES

Oregonian Chosen For National Office

Loma Mae Jones, state director of Christian education, was named chairman of the Religious Education Workers Fellowship at the annual staff meeting of that organization recently, at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

The REWF is made up of national and state workers in Christian education for the Christian Churches.

The REWF meeting was preceded by a special Consultation on Christian Education whose major purpose was to discover, through small group consultation with responsible Christian leaders, some of the major assumptions on which Christian education for Christian Churches in the '60's and '70's may be based.

Miss Pat Clark, Iowa, and Mr. Josh L. Wilson, Northern California, were named vice-chairman and secretary.

New Addition to List of District Children's Workers

Serving as a district coordinator of children's work in the Hood River area is Mrs. James Edwards, 502 Ninth St., Hood River. She is co-worker with Mrs. Merritt Parks in district eight, a very large district. Her name should have been included in last month's **Oregon Christian** as one ready to serve in this field.

Convention Grounds Committee Busy

Ray C. Smith, Willamina, chairman of the grounds committee for the Oregon Christian Convention, called the second meeting of the committee on April 8. Special work days were scheduled for May 20 and May 27, and some men and their families will plan to spend Decoration Day on the grounds. Materials and plans will be available for a number of work projects on the grounds and the buildings and churches will be contacted directly for help on some of the jobs.

Fees were determined for the 1961 convention week as follows: Trailer or camping space, $1.00 per day or $5.00 for the whole time; rooms in the lodges, $1.00 per day for each adult or $3.75 for the whole time (bring your own bedding), $1.00 for the whole time for each school-age child; cabins, $11.50 for the year (includes taxes). Requests for room or camping-space reservations should be addressed to Oregon Christian Convention, P. O. Box 13, Turner, Oregon.

CYF Rally Headlines Milton-Freewater News

Fifty young people of the First Christian Church in Milton-Freewater attended the CYF Stewardship Rally for Zone 4, held in the local church. The program included registration, a singspiration with Bob Pond as leader, CWFF reports by two young people, election, and installation of officers. Carol Rambo was elected worship chairman for Zone 4.

George Knox, minister at Milton-Freewater, spoke to the group, after which a snack time was held.

Chuck Haynie and Ellen Gatz will have parts on the program of the Christian Endeavor Convention at Roseburg, as well as Mrs. Ray Geissel. A large group of youth are registered for the Convention.

The Milton-Freewater church sponsored the inter-church Easter Sunrise Prayer Meeting at a Freewater park. Tom Stratton, recently interim minister, gave the address. A breakfast followed at the church.

The CWF ladies were hosts to the Hermiston CWF group at a luncheon on April 7. Seventeen ladies from Hermiston attended.

Irene Warner, Reporter

BAKER RECORDS GAINS

Brother Ed Dewees led us in a visitation evangelism campaign which climaxed with Decision Day on March 26 when twenty people accepted Christ as Savior and nine transferred from other churches. Seventeen put on Christ in baptism the same day.

On Easter we had the largest attendance in the memory of folk here, with 426 in the two morning services. Five more accepted Christ and one more transferred, making a total of 45 since January.

The congregation will vote April 9 on whether to enter the Certificate Loan Plan of the Board of Church Extension to enable us to borrow money to begin our building program.

Dr. Lawrence Bixler will be our N.C.C. Day speaker on April 16. Joe Jewett, Minister.

EASTER AT NORTH BEND

The First Christian Church of North Bend had 18 additions because of pre-Easter evangelism, 10 by baptism and 8 by transfer.

On Easter Sunday afternoon the NCC male quartet performed for a vesper service. Later in the evening, the quartet and Dr. Roberts were guests of the CYF and Chi Rho for dinner in the church dining hall.

Guest speakers for the School of Missions included Dr. Clifford Weare, missionary to the Republic of Congo, and Dr. and Mrs. Victor P. Morris. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter. Len Fishback, minister.

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The third Bethany Bookstore, located at 3114 Los Feliz Blvd., Los Angeles, California, is now open to meet your needs. Bibles and Bible aids, hymnals and songbooks, books from The Bethany Press and other religious publishers, curriculum materials, news and worship bulletins, church furniture, choir and pulpit robes, religious paintings, audio-visual aids — all these and more can be purchased from your Bethany Bookstore. The other two Bethany Bookstores are located at 2640 Pine Blvd ., St. Louis, Missouri, and at 222 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana. When in these cities drop in and browse around. Send mail orders to the address below.

Christian Board of Publication, Box 179, St. Louis 66, Mo.

Lebanon Improves Church Property

Twenty seven new members were received into the church during April with 25 coming by confession of faith and baptism. Sherman Moore served as guest leader in a week of personal visitation evangelism, climaxed with Decision Day services on Palm Sunday. Candlelight baptismal services were held Easter Sunday evening, followed by a "First Communion Service" for new members.

The district Christian Women's Fellowship was entertained by the local group at a breakfast meeting with over 100 present.

The District Chi Rho Pre-Camp Rally was held in the Lebanon Church in the afternoon and evening of April 9, with the ladies of the CWF providing a light supper for the young peopde.

Recent improvements in the church properties include the complete redecoration of the sanctuary and lower halls, and the preparation of a new parking lot, with a capacity of 22 cars, near the church.

TO HONOR YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER

Turner Memorial Home serves retired Christian workers and is supported by contributions from churches and individuals who are concerned for the well-being of elderly people. What better way could be suggested to honor your own mothers and fathers, or their memory, than a special Mother's Day or Father's Day offering for the Home? Your Bible school may sponsor such an offering as a special project or you can send your honor gift directly to the home. In the Master's service—

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Roseburg Church Dedicates Memorials

Four memorials recalling the purpose of the church were dedicated in special services at the First Christian Church, Roseburg, Easter afternoon, April 2.

The Great Commission Memorial Window reminds us that we are a commissioned church. Replacing glass damage from the blast, it was given by the family and friends of H. B. and Cora Church, L. Georgianna Stanton, Burton R. Hayden, Dr. S. L. DeLapp, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Perry, and Sue Hahn Johnson, living-link missionary.

The Jesus and the Children Memorial Window reminds us that we are a teaching church. It also replaces blast damage and was given by the family of William C. Unrath, board chairman, who was killed in the blast.

A Memorial Bulletin Board, set in masonry and well-lighted, was given as a witnessing memorial by J. E. Cooper for his wife, Norah.

The Memorial Communion Table reminds us that we are a worshiping church. It was given by the family and friends of Clifford Baxter, elder, who died in a skiing accident last summer.

Each memorial was dedicated by a reading of the scripture, an appropriate hymn, explanation of the memorial followed by a responsive reading of dedication, silent prayer of self-dedication and an anthem by the choir.

Those participating in the service were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trued, choir director and organist; James C. Smith, minister; Doyle R. Dobbins, associate minister; Lyle Baker, chairman of Missions Committee; Bert Brewer, chairman of Christian Education Committee; Harpld Horn, chairman of Evangelism Committee; Homer Pattison, chairman of Elders; and Beverley Baxter, Sharon Bridgess and Barbara Jones, the Girl's Trio of the church. Mrs. Frank Poole, chairman of Worship Committee, completed arrangements for the service.

Enthusiasm Mounting for Decade Club

With the breaking of ground for the Lynchwood church April 23 and the call for the first $10 contribution from some 500 members of the Decade Club of New Church Builders enthusiasm for the new church program is mounting. Every mail delivery at the state office brings a good number of pink envelopes with $10 contributions enclosed. Frequent deliveries also bring additional memberships for the Decade Club.

Along with the contributions often there are notes expressing enthusiasm for the Decade Club and real concern for the new church effort. Here are three such notes recently received:

"Dear Mr. Moore:

Enclosed is my check for $10.00 toward new churches in Oregon.

I will endeavor to secure another member but wanted to send this on its way at once.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. A. A. Taylor
First Church, Salem"

"Dear Mr. Moore:

Enclosed please find my check for $10.00 for the Decade Club.

May God richly bless this new church.

Thanking you for the privilege of helping this new congregation.

Yours in His service,

Sincerely,
Mary L. Harris
First Church, Springfield"

"Enclosed is check for $10.00 toward the new church. So glad we are starting so soon after forming the Decade Club of New Church Builders. It is indeed a great pleasure to be a part of this.

Sincerely,
Della Hirst,
Milton-Freewater"

These notes indicate that Decade Club members are boosters for the new church program. We are just about at the halfway mark toward our goal of 1000 members. It is imperative that we reach this goal. If you are not a member fill in the application form below and mail it with your enrollment fee of $1.00 and your contribution of $10.00 for the Lynchwood church to the state office today.

Another Check For the Decade Club

April 14, 1961

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our Decade Club check of $10.00. Wish it could be ten times as much.

Mrs. Sidney Van Dyke
Salem First Christian Church

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

in the

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Please enroll me as a Charter Member of the Decade of New Church Builders. The initial Membership Fee at $1.00 is enclosed.

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